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The mission of the SFOS is to foster the culture and cultivation of orchids and to promote education of its members and the public about orchids. Our goals include: an exchange of information from exhibitions, publications, and the Internet, maintenance of a reference library, and participation in worldwide activities.

October Speaker

Holger Perner

*Orchids in China
and their
Cultivation in the West*

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SFOS Meeting

Tues. October 6, 2015



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AOS Judging: 7:00 PM
Skills Session: 7:00 PM
Meeting: 7:30 PM

San Francisco County Fair Building,
Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue and
Lincoln Way, San Francisco. Plants
submitted for American Orchid Society
Judging must be entered between 6:30
pm and 7:00 pm.

Speaker

Holger Perner
*Orchids in China and their
Cultivation in the West*

Skill Session

**"Growing Slipper Orchids" by
Chris Mende**

Plant Opportunity Table

Holger Perner

2015-2016 SFOS

Officers/Contacts

Holger Perner

Holger Perner was born in Hamburg, Germany, and studied plant ecology at the University of Giessen, near Frankfurt, finishing with a master thesis on the soil ecology of *Orchis mascula*. In 1991, he earned his Ph.D. on the ecology of methane producing archaeobacteria at the University of Hamburg, but never let the orchids out of his sight. While working as a scientist at a national laboratory near Hamburg in the mid 1990s, Holger ran a research project in cooperation with Leonid Averianov on the ecology of *Cypripedium* species in the Russian Far East in addition to his regular ecological research.

Holger met his future wife Wenqing (pronounced 'When Ching') on an orchid trip in Sichuan, China, in 1997 (she was not involved in orchids at all but was just translating for three orchid nuts, one of them Holger). Wenqing and Holger were married in Germany in 1998 and after 4 years went back to China in 2001 to work for a Chinese national park with one of the largest *cypripedium* colonies in the world. In 2003, they founded Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology, a German company registered in Sichuan, China. They began to commercially mass-propagate orchids - namely Chinese slipper orchids (*Paphiopedilum* and *Cypripedium*) in their lab and subsequently raised them in their nursery.

Since 2010, their company has been licensed by the Chinese government to export artificially propagated orchids worldwide. Wenqing and Holger annually conduct botanical study tours in the mountains of Southwest and South China. Participants from all over the world are introduced to the orchids and general plant life as well as the local culture and cuisine. Beside these activities, the Perners are still working for the Huanglong National Park and are engaged in several other projects including tissue culturing and farming blueberries and other fruits.

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Orchids in China and their Cultivation in the West



The talk Holger will present is about 'Orchids in China and their Cultivation in the West', also titled 'CCP'. No, that is not the acronym for 'Chinese Communist Party' (well, actually it is...), but for 'Cymbidium, Cyripedium, Paphiopedilum', the three genera Holger is introducing in the talk. Beginning with Cymbidium, the grouping within the genus is explained, a couple of large-flowered

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species found in China discussed and then the entire group of Oriental or Chinese cymbidiums briefly presented. This is followed by the genus Cypripedium, of which China has worldwide the largest number of species within its boundaries. Finally, Chinese species of the genus Paphiopedilum are featured and a representative group of species discussed. Again, China harbors the largest number of species of the genus Paphiopedilum in its territory. As a matter of fact, it is the richest country in the world for slipper orchids. The particular growing conditions in the wild as well as the resulting requirements in cultivation for all three genera will be discussed.

Dinner with the Speaker

Please join us in the parking lot in back of the SF County Fair Building at 5:30 PM sharp.

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Minutes of the SFOS Board Meeting

SFOS Board Meeting- September 8, 2015

Present: Dave Hermeyer, Valerie Mountain, Jack Ryder, Claire Zvanski, Dennis Westler, Florence Inserto, Fred Schechter, Tom Perlite, Mary Gerritsen, Jean Lee, Dexter Hodes, Chris Mende, Frances Larose
The meeting started at 7:35.

I. Vice President

A. Mary: October speaker will be Holger Perner from Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology Ltd. China, topic "Orchids in China and Their Cultivation in the West". They will also provide the opportunity table. Chris Mende will run the Skill Session, topic: Paph Doctor and Culture. November will be Fred Clarke, topic TBD. He will also provide the opportunity table. Norman Fang cancelled for the December meeting, and will be rescheduled. The holiday party will take place for the December meeting. Mary will also try to reschedule Sam Tsui who had to cancel his August talk.

II. POE

A. Tom: POE vendor sign-ups are on schedule, with 20 vendors paid, 9 or 10 more committed, and 2 or 3 not participating next year. The floor plan is being adjusted slightly. The vintage Angraecum sesquipedale print has been selected for the POE poster. Frances Larose attended the meeting and reported that Taiwan will not be a sponsor for POE. She is working with several smaller sponsors and is looking for any leads from the membership for new sponsors, especially larger ones.

FEATURED ARTICLE

2015 Membership Directory

The new membership directory is now online on the SFOS website. All members with an email address in our records should have received instructions for login and password. If you have forgotten your password, you can still use the directory. Just go to the SFOS website and follow the instructions for forgotten password.

If there are errors, please contact Florence Inserto - floinserto@yahoo.com or Claire Zvanski: (415) 341-3085 czvanski@hotmail.com.

2015 Dues

(\$25 per year-Individual)

(\$40 per household-2 or more- per year)

Dues may be payable at any SFOS meeting,

or go the Web

site www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

and use Pay Pal or mail to

SFOS- Membership

PO Box 27145
SF, CA 94127-0145

- \$25/year or \$40/year (with Email Newsletter Option)
 - \$45/year individual (with USPS Mail Newsletter Option)
- Thank you!

Welcome New Members

**Kelsey Bonnen
Fiona Carruthers**

Please welcome our new members at your earliest opportunity.

NOTICE TO BUSINESS MEMBERS OF THE SFOS

Member Orchid Related Businesses in our Roster are out of date. All current SFOS members who wish to have their Orchid Related Businesses listed need to contact membership. See contact information above or at end of this newsletter.

Refreshments

M - R

SFOS members are encouraged to help out with refreshments, setup and cleanup at Monthly Meetings. If your last name falls within the letter range **M - R**, please bring snacks such as fresh fruit, crackers & cheese for the next meeting. About three dozen cookies, one cake, one to two pounds of fruit or cheeses, or one box of crackers is an appropriate amount. Remember to pick up your raffle ticket as one of the rewards of sharing - and good luck in the drawing!



III. Treasurer

A. Jack: Current balances: Checking \$12,464.96, High Yield Savings: \$148,587.72, Market Rate Savings: \$1507.28. He is continuing to organize and create classes for all budget items and transactions. He would like to work with Tom on setting up all the vendors in QuickBooks in the future.

IV. Membership

B. Claire & Florence: Three new members joined at the September meeting. It is time to begin renewals for next year, and this will be announced at the October SFOS meeting. Claire reported that only 3-4 people are still receiving the newsletter by mail. Jack noted that the SFOS meeting information is not updated on the website. All information should be sent to Dennis and he will work with Orysia to post the information within 24- 48 hours.

V. Old Business

A. Denim Shirts: Mary felt that the poster image of the *Angraecum sesquipedale* would not work as a logo for the denim shirts. The flower shape is not good for a logo. Other images from the vintage posters for the POE were reviewed and one with a *Lycaste skinneri* image seemed more suitable. Mary will work with this image to see if it can work as a logo. Fred suggested that the image shown by Mary was too feminine and that the logo should be more gender neutral. Further, that the POE, *Angraecum*, image would work if modified with a darker background.

B. Newsletter Backup Editor: There has been no response so far to Stanford's request to find and start training a backup editor. Another announcement will be posted in the October newsletter.

C. October Board Meeting: the board would like to have an in person meeting on Tuesday, October 13th, and include Ellen Edelson to discuss the storage locker. Jack has offered to host the meeting at his office on Van Ness. Dinner will be provided, but members should provide their own drinks. An email will be sent out with further details.

VI. New Business

A. The September SFOS meeting general discussion was well received and attended, but it was difficult to hear with the speaker selling plants at the side of the room. Tom will be setting up 10 sets of the POE posters for members. All members interested in a set should send an email to: info@orchidsanfrancisco.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Mountain

SFOS Bulletin Board

AOS Awards

AOS Awards

American Orchid Society Pacific
Judging Center Web site: :

<http://www.pacentraljc.org/>

Please check the Web site for the most recent awards.



Change of Address

Send all address and e-mail changes to:

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Newsletter Items

The SFOS Newsletter welcomes news, articles, events, and any other items of interest to members. Send items by the 15th of the month in an email to Stanford Stapleton at:

stanford@rkmediasolutions.com Please include your name at the beginning or end of your text. All submissions will be reviewed and may be edited due to space limitations. Thank you!
Sincerely,

San Francisco Orchid Society



The Bulletin Board is a free service for SFOS members' orchid related items. Send items by the 15th of the month by email to: stanford@rkmediasolutions.com Include your name, phone number, and how long you want the item to run. We will also run items of interest from other orchid societies. All submissions will be reviewed and may be edited.

Upcoming Events

October 6, 2015 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Holger Perner

Subject: Orchids in China and their Cultivation in the West

Skill Session- "Growing Slipper Orchids" by Chris Mende

September 26 - 27, 2015 Fascination of Orchids Sat - Sun 10 AM- 5 PM. South Coast Plaza Village, 1631 West Sunflower (x Bear), Santa Ana, CA 92704. Exhibits, Seminars, Sales. Admission & Parking Free. Call (949) 735-2930-, <http://fascinationoforchids.com> for information and directions. Sponsored by the Orange County Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America. www.ocorchidshow.com

October 16 - 18, 2015 Beautiful Orchids International Orchid Show and Sales - The Huntington Library. Fri. 12 noon - 4:30 PM; Sat. & Sun 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108 www.huntington.org/OrchidShow

October 27, 2015 Marin Orchid Society Fall Auction Silent Auction Tuesday at 6:30 PM, followed by live auction at 7 PM. Marin Art and Garden Center (MAGC), 30 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Ross, CA. Wine, cheese and other refreshments provided! Auction paddles \$2.00. Website <http://www.marinorchidsociety.com>.

November 6 - 8, 2015 Cal-Orchids Fall Open House Fri - Sun 9 AM - 4 PM. 1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. "It's our chance to say hello and thank you to our long-standing, loyal customers. Please stop by and join in on the fun no matter whether you are a seasoned veteran or a brand new orchid grower. You'll love our cym with budding spike development and the spiking Mexican Laelia anceps and their hybrids you've all come to love, and many more." E-mail at calorchid@cox.net, see their website at www.calorchid.com or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Cal-Orchid/169676309716174.

November 6 - 8, 2015 Hatfield Orchids Fall Open House Fri - Sun 9 AM - 4 PM. 3793 Dufau Road, Oxnard, CA 93033. Rain or Shine! Hope you can join us, but if you cant, we can ship to you

for free! Call George at (805) 901 0340-, email him at George@HatfieldOrchids.com

November 7 - 8, 2015 Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House & Annual Silent Auction Sat 8 AM - 5 PM, Sun 9 AM - 4 PM. 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. The Annual Silent Auction is held every year in conjunction with the Fall Open House. This gives the opportunity to bid on first-releases of select and newly awarded cultivars, rare plants, and glorious specimens. The auction list should become available the beginning of October, so make sure you are signed up ahead of time - see <http://sborchid.com/auction.php>. For more information, call 800-553-3387-, or check their website at <http://www.sborchid.com/events.php>.

November 13-14, 2015 Carmel Orchid Society Fall Orchid Festival Fri - Sat 9 AM - 4 PM Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel. Gorgeous Orchids, Tons of Stuff, Silent Auction, Wine Barrel Raffles, Potting Demonstrations, Answers to Orchid Questions. Email for more info to johnnoconnell19@att.net. See their newsletter for more info at www.carmelorchidsociety.org

November 11-15, 2015 AOS Members Meeting Hosted by the Northern Nevada Orchid Society
Atlantis Casino & Resort 3800 S. Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada 89502 www.nnvos.org

November 14 - 15, 2015 Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show and Sale Sat 9AM - 5PM, Sun 10AM - 4PM. Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA 95073 (click for map). Presented by the Santa Cruz Orchid Society and Soquel High School FFA/ROP. Admission is free with plenty of free parking! Orchid Plant Award Judging. View unique and endangered orchids. Purchase orchids for your own collection as well as Potting supplies, Orchid Books & Prints. Society members provide culture and growing tips to the general public, and skills sessions for new orchid enthusiasts. For more info click on info@SantCruzOrchidSociety.org, or <http://www.santacruzorchidsociety.org>

November 21 -22, 2015 – Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale. Saturday and Sunday Hours: 10-5 Saturday, 10-3:30 Sunday. "Orchid Obsession", Fleishman Auditorium, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (just north of the Old Mission). Featuring Laelia anceps at their peak and fall-blooming Cymbidium and Cattleya species. AOS and CSA judging. Select vendors.

Speakers

November 2015: Fred Clarke, topic TBD

December 2015: Holiday Party

January 2016: Pierre Pujol

Notices

Wear Your Name Badge

The board voted to provide a special raffle ticket to members when they pick up and wear their name tags at our meetings. A drawing for a plant from the opportunity table will be limited to this and will immediately follow the choice by the person who did the Skill Session and the winner from the Show and Tell table. So, wearing your name tag will get you an early selection from the opportunity table.

Your name tag will be available at the membership table.

Member's Corner

SFOS Monthly Show and Tell Table

We want to thank our members who bring in their plants for display at the monthly meetings. This is a great viewing experience for all and a great way to learn about new plants we might want to try to grow in the future for ourselves.

But did you know that you can bring in a blooming plant that you might not be certain about the name or type and have our group of experts help identify your plant? The more you know, the better your chance of success. Thank you for participating and we'll see you and your plants at the next monthly meeting.
The Board

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Announcements

On-line Membership Roster

We have been updating our membership lists, and hopefully the on line roster is up to date too. If you want to check your information, or look up someone's contact information, go to www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/member/login.php
If you have forgotten your password there is a link to recover your password. If you have an orchid related business (e.g. nursery, decorating, landscaping, flower arranging, art, ceramics, photography etc.) and would like it listed in our

business listing, please contact membership:
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Roots of orchids, beauty of orchids

While we all love the endless variety, shapes, colors, and fragrances of orchids, their beauty extends far beyond that of the flowers. After all, most of them aren't in bloom most of the time. But the plants themselves often have a great beauty of a different sort. The Japanese defined this aesthetic centuries ago and gave it two names: wabi and sabi. Wabi refers to a sense of rustic natural simplicity, earthy, imperfect, and asymmetrical; and sabi is the sense of beauty that comes with age and wear, like a weathered piece of wood or the patina of an old bronze doorknob.. Combined, wabi-sabi connotes the imperfection, asymmetry, and impermanence of life – the irreversible cycle of growth, decay, and death. This sense of beauty is pervasive in Japanese culture - in scroll paintings, pottery, architecture, and gardens. It is often seen in the Japanese arts of bonsai and kokedama.



For me, much of the beauty of a mounted orchid is in the completely exposed plant – roots, pseudobulbs, and leaves – mimicking its normal growth in nature. The mount itself can extend this beauty, with a gracefully curved or forked wood branch being almost as attractive as the plant itself. A potted orchid seems to represent the grower's attempt to control or confine a little piece of captured nature. As a mounted orchid's roots gradually become established and wrap around the branch and extend beyond it, it reminds me of my first trip to Bali, where on the outskirts of a temple I stood in a steep and wet ravine surrounded by ancient trees and vines, all with copious aerial roots clinging to each other, to mossy boulders, and to the limbs of other plants. The humid air, frequent rains, and the occasional decaying leaf or bug were all that those roots, and the plant attached to them, needed to thrive.

Dave Hermeyer
President
San Francisco Orchid Society

Wabi sabi of mounted orchids – kokedama
<https://bloomzine.com/garden/kokedama-how-to32014>
succulents too. <https://zady.com/features/embracing-wabi-sabi>

THANK YOU TO ALL THE ORCHIDS IN THE PARK 2015
VOLUNTEERS!



California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center has its September awards online for your enjoyment. <http://www.csnjc.org>

Kathy Barrett

FOR SALE

Thesaurus Masdevalliarum and Thesaurus Dracularum by Carl Luer

The SFOS is offering for sale volumes 1-20A (21 volumes) of the Thesaurus Masdevalliarum , A Monograph of the Genus Masdevallia, by Carl Luer and volumes 1-4 of the Thesaurus Dracularum, A Monograph of the Genus Dracula, by Carl Luer.

All of the volumes are in perfect condition in their original packaging. The works were donated to the SFOS by the family of **Cynthia and Richard Fleig**, for the benefit of the SFOS.

The Thesaurus Masdevalliarum is priced at \$1000 for all 21 volumes and the Thesaurus Dracularum is priced at \$200 for the

4 volumes.

In addition, there are single copies of volume 1 and 19 of the Thesaurus Masdevalliarum and volume 1 of the Thesaurus Dracularum priced at \$50 per volume.

Anyone interested, please contact **Tom Perlite** at 415 990-1314 or tperlite@sbcglobal.net.

Newsletter Backup Editor Needed!

Our longtime Newsletter Editor, Stanford Stapleton, would like to find a backup editor to start training as soon as possible. The newsletter is created from a template and served through Benchmark, and is not very difficult to learn. Knowing html is helpful and a computer with current updates is ideal. If you are interested in helping to create our wonderful Newsletter, please contact Stanford (415-384-0746) stanford@rkmediasolutions.com) or any board member.

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Special Events

Commercial Greenhouse Space for Rent in Bolinas at California Orchids, 515 Aspen Rd.
3318 square feet, \$1100.00/month plus % of utilities
Expanded metal benches, overhead watering system
Under bench misting system
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mnisbet@pacbell.net
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California Orchids Fall Open House and Sale!

Saturday, October 3



Lots of Orchids!
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orchids for inspiration!

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The Huntington Library,
Art Collections, and
Botanical Gardens

October 16-18, 2015
Friday: Noon-4:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

- Exhibits by Southern California Orchid Societies and International Growers
- Orchids and supplies for sale from vendors from around the world
- Lectures for beginners and experts alike

 THE HUNTINGTON
Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens

1151 Oxford Road | San Marino, CA 91108 | More information: Huntington.org/OrchidShow



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Festival

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Carmel Orchid Society

Friday
Saturday
Nov 13-14
9AM - 4PM

Orchid Sales
Orchid Display
Silent Auction
Orchid Care Classes
Potting Demonstrations

Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula
4590 Carmel Valley Rd. Carmel CA
www.carmelorchidsociety.org



American Orchid Society

Fall Membership Meetings & Show

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Northern Nevada Orchid Society

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At The

Atlantis Casino Resort & Spa
3800 S Virginia Street, Reno, NV, 89502
November 11th - 15th, 2015



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Orchid Society of Santa Barbara presents

Orchid Obsession

Show & Sale

November 21 & 22, 2015

Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday 10 am - 3 pm

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

2599 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara, CA

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